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Applicant: Bitler

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-Containing Compositions

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

10 Washington, DC 20231

### REPLY

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Sir,

15 This paper is a reply to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002. Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

### AMENDMENTS

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Please amend this application as follows.

#### In the Specification

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In accordance with 37 CFR 121 (b)(1) and (2), Applicant requests replacement of a paragraph in accordance with the instructions below. Attached hereto is a separate paper entitled

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